

## **About the Hawaii-American Academy of Pediatrics-Public Health Nursing Branch-Department of Education Partnership Advisory (H-AAP-PHNB-DOE)**

School Health Services (1970-1996) under the Department of Health was merged under Public Health Nursing Branch in 1997 in the administration of school health services program in the public schools, statewide. The H-AAP-PHNB-DOE Partnership Advisory was established in January, 1998 to strengthen health room practices in the schools and to strengthen the partnerships with the family, medical home, school, Public Health Nursing, and other support services to improve the health status of children. This advisory meets on a quarterly basis.

The Advisory developed various workgroups to address the unique medical and health issues that impact on students' learning. The workgroup make recommendations to the Advisory, who is the final decision-making body. Refer to the H-AAP-PHNB-DOE Workgroups for more information.

H-AAP-PHNB-DOE Partnership Advisory developed the following Goals and Purposes:

School Health Services is defined as services that are integrated into a coordinated system that ensures a continuum of care from family to school to medical home in addressing the diverse health conditions that impact on students' ability to learn.

### **Goals:**

- To define and monitor the health status of children in the public schools as healthy children learn better than students with health problems
- To ensure the continuum of health services from family to school to medical home
- To strengthen the partnership with family, medical home, health care systems, Public Health Nursing, Department of Education, and other support services in improving the health status of children in public schools.

### **Purposes:**

- To identify health/medical conditions and strategies to improve the health status of children to ensure optimum learning
- To identify system problems and barriers that impede achievement of optimum health status
- To develop strategies to ensure comprehensive service delivery approaches
- To develop statewide policies regarding health services in public schools
- To educate DOE staff, teachers, physicians, families, and others as to medical/health conditions and its ramifications to learning
- Be a resource to DOE and community and respond to issues

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